

Department of Health and Human Services · Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)

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**STATEWIDE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP (SEW)  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 21, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Div. of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Third Floor  
Hearing Room 303  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

**Video-Conference**  
Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
6161 W. Charleston Blvd.  
Building 1, West Hall Conference Room  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

**Tele-Conference** Call-In: (775) 887-5619  
Conference Number: 2000#  
PIN: 1221#

**SEW Committee Members Present**

Gwen Taylor	ACCEPT
Ihsan Azzam	Epidemiologist, DPBH
Jennifer DeLett-Synder	Join Together Northern Nevada
Julia Peek - Chair	DPBH - Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology
Marco Erickson	Nevada Department of Education
Paul Parker	Clark County Coroner's Office
Stephanie Pyle	CASAT, UNR
Sue Meuschke	Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
Yenh Long	Board of Pharmacy
Ying Zhang	Southern Nevada Health District

**SEW Committee Members Absent**

Brad Towle	NSHD - Health Statistics, Planning, Epidemiology, & Response
Eric Ohlson	Washoe County School District
Ingrid Mburia	DPBH - Maternal Child Health Services
Pauline Salla	DCFS - Juvenile Justice Programs Office
Richard Egan	Office of Suicide Prevention
Wei Yang	Nevada Center for Health Statistics and Informatics, UNR
William Gazza	Clark County Coroner's Office

**Others Present**

Andrea Rivers	Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Cheryl Bricker	Partnership of Community Resources
Damaris Richardson	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Denna Atkinson	Foundation for Recovery
James Kuzhippala	Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Jamie Ross	PACT Coalition
Jessica Flood	Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services
Kathryn Barker	Southern Nevada Health District
Lea Cartwright	Nevada Psychology Association
Melanie Flores	Washoe County Health District
Patrick Bozarth	Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada
Trey Delap	Group Six Partners, LLC
Victoria LeGarde	CASAT, UNR

**SAPTA Staff Present**

J'Amie Frederick	Health/Human Services Professional Trainee
Meg Matta	Health Program Specialist
Martie Washington	Health Program Manager II
Natalie Presta	Business Process Analyst II
Vanessa Pickles	Administrative Assistant

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Julia Peek called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A quorum for the SEW was established at 9:16 a.m.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> There were no public comments.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of July 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes</b> Paul Parker motioned to approve the minutes, Gwen Taylor seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
<b>4.</b>	<b>SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] Presentation on SEW's Role</b> Damaris Richardson's presentation is attached to these minutes under exhibit "A."
<b>5.</b>	<b>Presentation on Research Needs for PFS [Partnerships for Success] Continuation Application</b> Martie Washington said SAPTA has the PFS Grant, and they are heading into the final year of a 5-year-long project. She said the main goal is to spend the allotted dollars in such a way to have the most impact on prescription drug misuse and abuse in the state of Nevada. She continued stating there is a big issue with opioid addictions in the state, and the majority of opioid addiction begins with prescription misuse. Ms. Washington stated she met with the Nevada OPHIE [Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology] team, and they have gathered extensive data and have identified "hotspots" in Nevada to help determine where the funding should be concentrated within the state. Ms. Washington said that for the last 4 years the main focus has been on an awareness campaign, disposal issues, and working to make sure that everyone is aware of the PDMP [Prescription Drug Monitoring Program]. She stated there also has been some education given to prescribers to make sure they understand the issue. These actions, along with the passing of Senate Bill 459, are all examples of work that has been done to address the opioid issue. However, Ms. Washington stated there is still work to be done. Ms. Washington mentioned there are 3 groups working hard in Nevada over the last few years. Those groups include this group (SEW), the Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC), and the Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup (EBW). Ms. Washington stated these 3 groups need to be working together. She said the SEW gathers the data, the MPAC takes the information from the SEW and identifies what the data shows, and the EBW looks at what practices have evidence behind them. Ms. Washington recommended members from MPAC attend SEW meetings, and she also recommended updates on MPAC and EBW be placed as a standing agenda item on future agendas.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Update on Statewide Epi Profile</b> Ms. Peek led the Workgroup through the table of contents to receive feedback on what information might be missing that would be useful to include. She stated a suggestion was made to include nation-wide data comparisons which would be added. The Workgroup had no other suggestions for additions. Ms. Peek stated that with no further suggestions, the

	<p>draft was ready for review. She added there may be merit in creating a subgroup to review the draft.</p> <p>Jennifer DeLett-Snyder motioned to create a subgroup to review the Epi Profile, Paul Parker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Marco Erickson, Ying Zang, Paul Parker, Natalie Presta, Jessica Flood, Denna Atkinson, Kathryn Barker and Lea Cartwright volunteered to be on the subgroup.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Nominate and Appoint Chair and Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>James Kuzhippala</b></li> </ul> <p>Marco Erickson motioned to nominate and appoint James Kuzhippala, Ihsan Azzam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Nominate and Appoint New Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jim Jobin</b></li> <li>• <b>Trey Delap</b></li> </ul> <p>Ihsan Azzam motioned to appoint Jim Jobin and Trey Delap to the Workgroup, Paul Parker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MPAC/EBW Updates</li> <li>2. Review and Approval of Final Draft of Statewide Epi Profile</li> <li>3. Nominate and Appoint New Member – Kathryn Barker</li> <li>4. Review TA Request – Strategic Planning Session with Damaris Richardson</li> <li>5. Review Strategic Planning Session with SEI [Social Entrepreneurs Inc.] for Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BHWP)</li> </ol> <p>Paul Parker motioned to approve the agenda items, Stephanie Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>Lea Cartwright said NPA [Nevada Psychology Association] and a few other healthcare organizations will be meeting to discuss how to use social media to raise awareness and promote healthcare-related topics on January 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at 5400 Mill Street in Reno, Nevada.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>Stephanie Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting, Marco Erickson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.</p>